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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
NASHVILLE DIVISION**

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**U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TN**

**PHILIP WORKMAN,**

**Plaintiff,**

**v**

**GOVERNOR PHIL BREDESEN, in his  
official capacity as Governor of the  
State of Tennessee;**

**GEORGE LITTLE, in his official capacity  
as Tennessee's Commissioner of  
Corrections;**

**RICKY BELL, in his official capacity as  
Warden, Riverbend Maximum  
Security Institution;**

**GAYLE RAY, in her official capacity as  
Assistant Commissioner of  
Corrections;**

**ROLAND COLSON, in his official capacity  
as Assistant Commissioner of  
Corrections;**

**JULIAN DAVIS, in his official capacity as  
Executive Assistant to the  
Commissioner;**

**DEBBIE INGLIS, in her official capacity as  
General Counsel to the Department  
of Corrections;**

**JOHN DOE PHYSICIANS 1-100;**

**JOHN DOE PHARMACISTS 1-100;**

**JOHN DOE MEDICAL PERSONNEL 1-100;**

**JOHN DOE EXECUTIONERS 1-100;**

**No. 3 07 0490**

**Death Penalty Case**

**Execution Date May 9, 2007, 1:00 a.m.**

**JOHN DOES 1-100,**  
**Defendants.**

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**MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER**

Plaintiff Philip Workman respectfully moves this Court for a temporary restraining order, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1651 and Article III, restraining the Defendants (including Warden Bell) from executing Philip Workman on May 9, 2007 pursuant to the new execution protocol (just made known to Mr. Workman by Defendants on April 30, 2007, at 4:10 p.m., just 8 business days and 1 hour prior to his scheduled execution on May 9, 2007 at 1:00 a.m.) before he is able to exhaust his administrative remedies with the Tennessee Department of Corrections and file a Section 1983 lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of Defendants' new execution protocol.

Moreover, Plaintiff also respectfully moves this Court for a temporary restraining order restraining the Defendants from proceeding with the execution of Plaintiff according to the New April 30, 2007 Protocol which utilizes sodium thiopental, an ultra-short acting barbiturate, without the assistance of personnel who are medically trained and licensed in anesthesiology (i.e., an anesthesiologist or certified nurse anesthetist), and from obtaining, seeking to obtain, ordering, writing a prescription, writing a physician's order, prescribing, dispensing, or in any other manner transferring to Defendants Bell or any other Defendants involved in the execution process sodium thiopental, pancuronium bromide, and potassium chloride in any form whatsoever.

As shown in the accompanying memorandum, Defendants would intend to execute Philip Workman on May 9, 2007, using the new execution protocol only disclosed by the IDOC on April 30, 2007, and immediately approved by the Governor without giving Mr. Workman the opportunity

to thoroughly review the protocol, to exhaust his administrative remedies by allowing his Emergency Grievance to be decided and appealed, and to thereafter file a Section 1983 lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the New April 30, 2007 Protocol. Indeed, as explained in the attached Memorandum in Support of TRO, the New April 30, 2007 Protocol is unconstitutional:

(1) It creates an unacceptable risk that Plaintiff will needlessly and consciously suffer excruciating pain while experiencing death by asphyxiation in violation of his right to be free from cruel and unusual punishment under the Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments;

(2) It violates the evolving standards of decency; See Trop v. Dulles, 356 U.S. 86 (1958);

(3) It violates Plaintiff's rights to substantive due process under the Ninth Amendment; and,

(4) It was developed with deliberate indifference to the risk that Plaintiff will needlessly and consciously suffer excruciating pain while experiencing death by asphyxiation in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment.

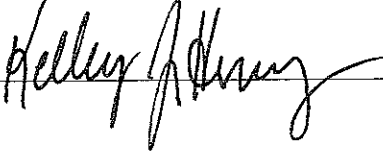
For these reasons, and all those expressed in the accompanying memorandum in support, this Court should enter a temporary restraining order prohibiting the Defendants from executing Plaintiff on May 9, 2007 using the New April 30, 2007 Protocol

Respectfully submitted,

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I certify that on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 20007, I caused a copy of the foregoing to be served via hand-delivery to the following:

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